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SUBJECT: US FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS

REF : BUENOS AIRES 8196

1. DEPTOFFS INFORMALLY SUGGESTED TO ARGENTINE EMBOFFS IN MID-OCTOBER THAT ARGENTINE FERROUS SCRAP BUYERS MIGHT WISH EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF PLACING SCRAP PURCHASE CONTRACTS WITH US SCRAP EXPORTERS IN SCRAP SURPLUS AREAS OF US, I.E., AREAS WHERE LOCALLY GENERATED SCRAP IN SOME INSTANCES EXCEEDS LOCAL NEEDS FOR FERROUS SCRAP BY STEEL AND FOUNDRY INDUSTRIES, E.G., WEST COAST. POST-JULY 1 CONTRACTS MEETING THIS CRITERION WOULD HAVE A CHANCE OF FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY HARDSHIP COMMITTEE. DEPARTMENT DID NOT, AND CANNOT, HOWEVER, SPECIFY DEALERS WHOSE CONTRACTS MIGHT BE GRANTED HARDSHIP EXEMPTIONS. SCRAP REMAINS DIFFICULT TO FIND AND, WHEN AVAILABLE, MOVES AT PRICES MANY CONSUMERS DO NOT WANT TO PAY.

2. IT APPEARS THAT IN TRANSMITTING THIS SUGGESTION TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINES MAY HAVE INDICATED, OR RECIPIENTS

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OF THIS INFORMATION MAY HAVE INFERRED, THAT WEST COAST

CONTRACTS DEFINITELY WOULD BE LICENSED FOR EXPORT. AS
NOTED ABOVE, THIS NOT RPT NOT SO.

3. THERE IS NO RPT NO NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE. IT POSSIBLE
THAT ARGENTINES INFERRED THAT SUCH DEADLINE EXISTED FROM
FACT THAT SCRAP EXPORT LICENSES HAVE 60 DAY VALIDITY
PERIOD, AND THAT "DEADLINE" ARRIVED AT BY COUNTING BACK
60 DAYS FROM END OF CY 1973.

4. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF A SPECIFIC FIGURE OF 70,000 TONS
IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ARGENTINES. CASEY

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